

**Amendment and Response**

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**Remarks**

The Office Action mailed June 25, 2004 has been received and reviewed. No claims having been amended, claims 51-103 are pending.

The specification has been amended to update the status of the document cited in the priority claim on page 1.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**Objection to the Specification**

The Examiner objected to the specification and requested that the status of the document cited in the priority claim be updated. The specification having been amended at page 1 to update the status of the document cited in the priority claim, Applicant respectfully submits that the objection has been obviated.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the specification is respectfully requested.

**Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection**

Claims 51-103 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,730,592. Submitted herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which, Applicant submits, is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c), and thereby obviates the Examiner's obviousness-type double patenting rejection of pending claims 51-103.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

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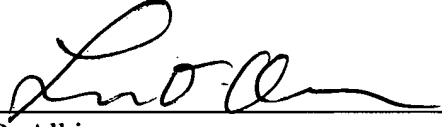
**Summary**

It is respectfully submitted that all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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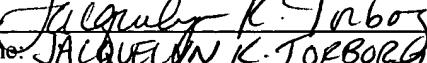
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